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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I am writing to you concerning Michael Eddowes' recent book, Nov. 22, which I am planning to review for Penn Jones' newsletter, The Continuing Inquiry. As you had written to me in past months concerning Hugh McDonald's book, Appointment in Dallas, it seemed appropriate to me that I should inquire of you about this one.

Since you did some research on McDonald's book, I thought that you likely had done some work on this new book. What do you know about the author, other than was reported in the National Enquirer last spring, or about the motivation for this one? Any information or suggestions would be much appreciated. Any encouragement would be welcomed.

It will not be difficult to write critically about the book, as errors of fact and misinterpretation of fact occur on practically every page. What is lacking is a sense of perspective. Is it possible that the author is sincere in his interpretation of the data? Or is there some other motivation? The author claims the book was rushed to press in order that it be available to the new investigation in Congress? What will be their reaction to it? I can only hope they won't take it seriously, but is it not possible that it will also make them more skeptical of all books about the assassination?

Thanks,

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Dear Mr. Burke, I don't think Eddowes is worth any time at all. I've not read and not obtained a copy, much as I might like one for the archival value in a ragoue's gallery. What the Enquirer carried is enough to assure that the book would disgrace a poorly-kept baryard. By now there have been so many of these I don't think it makes much difference whether the Eddoweses of this world are crazy, irresponsible or serve hidden masters. The result is the same: disinformation. If you and Penn want to dignify him and his b.s. that is your affair. I think the time and space can be put to better use. Then you have Morrow and then so many others. It is futile to do more than dismiss them. However, if I wanted to waste time on this I cannot not having seen the book.

Sincerely, PH 10/16/76

